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Richard Abbey Esq

Walthamstow

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let me know whether Mr. D.
is likely to let you take a
walk with me that I may be
with you early. I shall be obliged to go and
see Miss Howcroft tomorrow but she is not near you
now even were you in town. J.B.

My dear Fanny

If I do not write to you
tonight I shall not send you a letter for
two or three weeks as I am very busy
at present with some work I want
finished at the beginning of next week.
Miss Howcroft is very ill, confined to her
bed with inflammation of the lungs
but I do not expect them to go for two
or three weeks. Don't alarm yourself
about Miss Lancaster's appearance, I
trust you would see a better figure
than she did. You might feel sorry at
first, which is not what I know of, her
failing, but any person of sense who
goes out a little can soon get over all

that. dress, manners and carriage are
just what she wants, a person must be
as great beauty to look well without
them, but they are certainly within the
reach of any party of understanding—
perhaps Miss L might look particu-
larly well that night. Don't suppose it
was a grand party there could not be
above forty people and the rooms
are small, but it was a very pleasant
one — we are going there next week
only to a card party a piece of the enter-
tainment I could dispense with—
Margaret Davenport is rather a genteel
girl and I think I told you the second
sister is very pretty — Lancaster is
likely to be at our house tomorrow night
but I don't know that I shall be at
home — The only place to get the bas.

lets that I can find is the bargains
dont you think Mrs. Abbey will let
you walk there with me? I will ^{be} ~~come~~
with you by ten o'clock and we may
be back in time for your dinner for
I suppose its impossible to get off from
the unconscionable ^{hour of} half past two -
Did I ever think to hear of people dining
at such a time in a christian
country - I have got a new pigeon
a husband for one of my single ladies
but the other is such a beauty they
call her a dragon pointer that I
shall wait till I can marry her
now to my satisfaction. The new-
comer is a dragon runt - Miss How-
croft is not in the city but if she
returns there and I go to see her I shall
call on you, whether I have heard from

you or not - My Mother was in
Pancras Lane the other day to enquire
after your health for you had not
written for some time and I was afraid
you were ill she saw the coachman
and sent her compliments which I
think is probably he kept for his own
benefit - It will ever remain
a mystery to me whether it is possi-
ble to read a letter written in this
greasy ink I have all but sworn
at it - If you will have read the
single magazines especially those
with the Spanish poetry, by the time
I see you I will if you please bring
them away as I am asked to lend them
to a gentleman - With compliments
to Mrs and Miss Abby I remain
your very affectionately J B

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